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Andrew Velasquez III, Regional Administrator
Region V – U. S. Department of Homeland Security
Federal Emergency Management Agency
536 South Clark Street, Floor 6
Chicago, IL 60605


Dear Mr. Velasquez:

On September 22, a widespread heavy rain event overnight caused flooding in the southern third of Minnesota, involving more than 30 counties. Because of the impact to and damages sustained by private property and public infrastructure, I request that Individual Assistance (IA) and Public Assistance (PA) Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA) be conducted in the following counties: Blue Earth, Brown, Carver, Chippewa, Cottonwood, Dakota, Dodge, Faribault, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston, Jackson, Lac Qui Parle, Le Sueur, Lincoln, Lyon, Martin, Mower, Murray, Nicollet, Nobles, Olmsted, Pipestone, Ramsey, Rice, Rock, Scott, Sibley, Steele, Wabasha, Waseca, Watonwan, Winona, and Yellow Medicine. As additional damage and impact information becomes available, I may request that additional counties be assessed.

I would appreciate beginning this process as soon as possible. Branch Director Terri Smith (651-201-7408) of our staff will work directly with your staff to coordinate the arrangements for these assessments.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


for Kris A. Eide
State Coordinating Officer

